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3. Artillery Emplacements, Saseno
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1. Subsources report that the small airfields at Valias (north of Tirana) and at Ballsh (southern Albania) are now in use. The ground installations of the airfields at Tirana and Valona have been repaired and improved.

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2. The existence of several Soviet commissions in Tirana and other strategic but unidentified points in Albania is reported as of 24 November 1946. An aeronautical mission is said to be surveying the terrain with a view to the construction of large new airfields. Plans are also under way for the development of present fields to accommodate large bombers and fighter planes. Subsource states that individual members of this mission were collecting information at Alikaj, Malibardhe, and Korca.

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3. A maritime commission is reported to be inspecting present construction work and to be studying the Albanian coast line in order to make plans for the installation of heavy coast artillery. The equipment, source states, has already been ordered by Soviet officials in Czechoslovakia.

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4. Artillery placed by the Germans on Saseno Island is still in position. In Fort Vittorio Emanuele the Germans placed four 175mm. guns, fifteen 150mm. guns, and ten guns of a larger caliber. In Fort Regina Elena there are four 75mm. guns, eight 150mm. guns, and an unknown number of larger guns. The fortification of these two forts, which are situated around the two peaks which form Saseno Island, has been strengthened considerably.

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